

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
10th November, 1834.

THE following extracts of a Circular Despatch, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for the information of Military Settlers :

(CIRCULAR.)

DOWNING STREET,  
14th August, 1834.

SIR,

" I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a Letter addressed by my directions to the Deputy Secretary at War, and of the reply, by which you will observe, that Free Grants of Land are no longer to be made to Discharged Soldiers. The single and temporary exceptions to this rule will be in the case of men of the Sappers and Miners, employed on the Rideau Canal, to whom a special expectation of Grants of Land appears to be held out in 1829, and who must, therefore, be allowed a twelvemonth in which to advance their claims, before they be finally barred in conformity with the general arrangement now adopted."

" I have the honor further to transmit to you the enclosed copy of the Regulations, which have been issued, respecting the privileges allowed to Officers of the Army and Navy in acquiring Land in the Colonies."

I have the honor to be, &c.

T. SPRING RICE.

INFORMATION

FOR THE USE OF

MILITARY AND NAVAL OFFICERS

PROPOSING TO SETTLE IN

THE BRITISH COLONIES.

COLONIAL OFFICE,

15th August, 1834.

1. ANNEXED is a Statement of the Regulations according to which, with such modifications as local circumstances may render necessary, Lands belonging to the Crown are disposed of in the several British Colonies in North America, as well as a Statement of the Regulations in force in the Australian Colonies.

2. Under these Regulations, Military and Naval Officers cannot receive free grants of Land ; but, in buying Land, they are allowed a remission of the purchase money, according to the undermentioned scale :—

Field Officers of 25 years' service and upwards, in the whole,.....	£300
Field Officers of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole,.....	250
Field Officers of 15 or less years' service, in the whole,.....	200
Captains of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole,.....	200
Captains of 15 or less years' service, in the whole,.....	150
Subalterns of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole,.....	150
Subalterns of 7 years' service or less, in the whole,.....	100

Regimental Staff Officers, and Medical Officers of the Army and Navy, will be deemed to come within the benefit of this Rule.

3. Officers of the Army or Navy, who propose to proceed to the Colonies, in order to take advantage of this indulgence, should provide themselves with certificates from the office of the General Commanding in Chief, or of the Lords Commis-

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sioners of the Admiralty, shewing that their emigration has been sanctioned, and stating exactly their rank and length of service. No document from the office of the Secretary of State is necessary.

4. Officers on half pay, residing in the Colony where they propose to settle, may be admitted to the privileges of Military and Naval Settlers, without referring to this Country for testimonials, provided they can satisfy the Governor that there is no objection to their being allowed the indulgence, and that their return of their rank and length of service is accurate: and provided, if they belong to the Navy, that they produce their letter of leave of absence from the Admiralty.

5. Military Chaplains, Commissariat Officers, and Officers of any of the Civil Departments connected with the Army, cannot be allowed any privileges on the subject of land. Pursers, Chaplains, Midshipmen, Warrant Officers of every description, and Officers of any of the Civil Departments connected with the Navy, must also be considered as not qualified for those privileges. Although members of these classes may have been admitted formerly, and under a different state of circumstances, they must now be excluded.

6. Gentlemen who have ceased to belong to His Majesty's Service cannot be allowed the advantages to which they were entitled while in the Army or Navy. It is not, however, proposed to affect by this rule Officers who desire to quit the service for the express purpose of settling in the Colonies: it is only required, that when they resign their Commissions, they should apply for a certificate from the General Commanding in Chief, or from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that they do so with the view of emigrating; and such certificate, if produced to the Governor of any Colony, within one year from its date, *but not otherwise*, will be a sufficient warrant for allowing the bearer the same advantages as Officers still in His Majesty's Service.

Officers who have sold out within the last twelve months preceding the date of this memorandum, will be allowed the usual privileges, notwithstanding their want of the certificate required by these Regulations, if they present themselves to the Governor of the Colony within a year from the present date. And all Officers who have already been recommended by the General Commanding in Chief will be entitled to their privileges, without regard to any obstruction which might otherwise be offered by the Regulations now established.

7. Officers cannot be allowed advantages in the acquisition of land in any Colony, unless it be their intention to fix their residence in that Colony. In order to ensure the observance of this rule, it has been determined that the Titles to lands obtained by Officers who take advantage of the peculiar Regulations existing in their favour, shall be withholden for a period sufficient to prove that they have not repaired to the Colony for the mere purpose of gaining possession of a portion of land, and then departing.—Two years is the period for which it has been decided that the Titles shall be kept back: this delay will be sufficient for the salutary object in view, and will not constitute any serious inconvenience to the *bona fide* Settler.

8. By the annexed Regulations for the disposal of Crown lands, it will be observed that the general sales will take place periodically. But in order to prevent inconvenience to Officers who may arrive in the intervals between those sales, and be desirous at once to obtain an allotment, the Governors of the Colonies are authorized to allow Officers to acquire, at any time, on payment of the upset price, lands which have previously been offered for sale at some general sale, and not been bought.

Officers will thus be relieved from delay at the time of establishing themselves in the Colony. They will also be enabled by this arrangement, which will permit them to obtain their land at a fixed price, to choose such a quantity as shall be exactly equivalent to the amount of the remission to which they are entitled, instead of being liable to be called upon to pay a balance, which must be the case if they bid for lands at a sale by auction.

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